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GOOSE IN BARREL TRAPS FOX. Winning a goose at a raffle, Michael Flaherty of Matamoras, N. Y., took home Tuesday night put it in a barrel, covered the top and went to bed. About 1 o'clock Flaherty heard a noise and the quacking of the goose. He arose and investigated. A fox had scented the goose, and springing on top of the barrel had pushed aside the board and jumped into the barrel. In trying to get out with the goose he failed. The bird was too heavy.

Flaherty promptly put the board over the barrel. The fox was prisoner. Putting a stone on the board, Flaherty awoke his son and then the fox was killed. The goose was then transferred to the kitchen for Flaherty's Christmas dinner.

BIG DROP IN FLOUR TRADE. Flour shipments from Minneapolis for 1907 will fall short of the total shipped during 1906 by nearly 1,000,000 barrels. This decrease apparently has been entirely due to the financial flurry, as the figures for each month show that only in three months for the entire year have the shipments for 1907 exceeded those for the same months in 1906.

The number of barrels of flour shipped from Minneapolis so far this year is 18,825,375, while for a corresponding period in 1906 there were shipped 14,573,128 barrels. In November the greatest falling off is shown with shipments of 1,067,970 barrels, against 1,318,048 a year ago.

From Washington. [Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.] Washington, Dec. 27.

Prediction is made by the Bureau of Statistics that the foreign commerce of the United States in 1907, both imports and exports, will be greater than for any preceding year in the country's history. This is based on the figures for the first 11 months of the year, and observations of the continued increase thus far in December. It is stated that for this time, the monthly export record crossed the \$200,000,000 line, the total for November having been 204,444,860. The Bureau estimates that for the entire year, exports will exceed \$1,900,000,000 and imports will exceed \$1,400,000,000. If to this is added trade between "Continental United States"

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A lithograph representing Olga Nethersole in the kissing scene in "Sapho," has been ruled off the billboards of Newark, N. J.

The entire family of John Clark, husband, wife and three small children perished in a fire that today destroyed their home in Watertown, Mass.

Ex-Governor Elihu E. Jackson, of Maryland, died at his home in Baltimore, today. Jackson was a democrat and served from 1888 until 1892.

The date on which T. C. Druce's grave will be opened is being kept secret in London to avoid a crowd, but it is believed the investigation will be made Monday or Tuesday.

The mobilization of the largest fleet of torpedo-boats, torpedo-boat destroyers and submarines in the history of the American navy will take place in Narragansett Bay next spring.

The New York police have no trace of the footpad who early today struck down Dr. Robert Portner, of Harlem, with black jacks and robbed him of jewelry and money valued at \$7,000.

Sunday closing crusaders received a blow today in Chicago when a jury returned a verdict of not guilty in the case against Thomas Chamales, proprietor of the Savoy, to test the Sunday closing law.

A dispatch from St. Petersburg says that the Czars' continued ill health is causing grave uneasiness. All imperial functions have been cancelled, owing to her majesty's inability to appear publicly.

Members of the general committee of striking of tenant of New York reported today to the headquarters just established that their agents are securing hundreds of recruits in their campaign of refusing to pay until landlords reduce the rents.

Rear-Admiral Brownson's friends think the President is doing him an injustice by keeping secret his letter explaining his resignation, while at the same time he allows Surgeon-General Rixey to present his side of the case to the public.

Evidence of a tragedy at Ford City, Pa., were found today by a track walker of the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company at its plant here. They consisted of a foot and the portion of a leg cut off below the knee, both in a sack and found in the glass company's yards. A short distance away, on a cinder heap, was found the portion of a leg which fitted the foot.

A suit to test the right of the President to discharge the negro soldiers of the Twenty-fifth Infantry for their alleged connection with the Brownsville riot was begun in the U. S. District Court, in New York, yesterday. The expiration is that through this suit the President's action will be put squarely up to the United States Supreme Court. Oscar W. Reid, as plaintiff against the government, invokes an almost obsolete law, which grants to all soldiers a right to demand court-martial before dismissal. He demands \$122.25 for services.

At 11 o'clock this morning 112 bodies had been recovered from the Davy mine at Jacobs Creek, Pa., forty-one having been brought out since yesterday. The workers report that it is a good all through the mine and they expect to get out all the dead by tomorrow afternoon.

AN EXPENSIVE DEBUT.

Miss Mary Astor Paul, daughter of James A. Paul, jr., of the Drexel firm, made her debut last night at Horticultural Hall, Philadelphia, at a ball that for grandeur, costliness, and general un-usualness, eclipsed the famous "Ball of the Four Seasons," with which four years ago Mr. Paul introduced his elder daughter.

The flowers alone cost \$35,000, and for the occasion a brand-new rose, a cross between the American Beauty and the Soifano, which took nine years to develop, was introduced. The favors were very costly.

At a certain hour 500 brilliant butterflies, gathered from Brazil, Peru and even India, were let loose over the guests. These butterflies flitted everywhere, and the cries of delight from the diners. Costly as it was, the butterflies formed one of the motifs of the decorations, also. The living insects hovered over the women, bumped into the lights, and fell into the plates, but they were very effective.

All the Drexels were there, and, in fact, everybody really prominent in Philadelphia society.

The ballroom was turned into the exact replica of a French garden, copied from the Louis Quinze period. Sixteen boxes, fashioned of plaster of Paris, lined the room, and had been built especially for the occasion. A great fountain also had been built in one end of the room.

Conservative estimates of the total cost were given as \$100,000.

KILLED FATHER IN LAW.

Dr. John Y. Hoffman, a leading physician of Reading, Pa., was shot and instantly killed last night by his son-in-law, Roland P. Stokes. The two families lived together in a large house in Penn street.

Stokes went home last evening, and plainly showed that he had not got over the effects of celebrating Christmas. He went up stairs and found his wife in their bedroom, with their only child. The latter was playing with its Christmas toys.

Dr. Hoffman was on the first floor, and being disturbed by the noise made by Stokes, went upstairs and requested him to be quiet. One word led to another, with the result that both flew into a passion.

Dr. Hoffman hit Stokes on the head with a blackjack, drawing the blood, when Stokes whipped out a revolver and fired at his father-in-law three times. The first ball penetrated his abdomen, the second passed through his heart, and the third lodged in some woodwork near the child. Stokes then telephoned for the police and ambulance.

Stokes was taken to the police station and later to jail. He claims that he killed his father-in-law in self-defense.

How Diphtheria is Contracted. One often hears the expression, "My child caught a severe cold which developed into diphtheria," when the truth was that the cold had simply left the little one particularly susceptible to the wandering diphtheria germ. When Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is given it quickly cures the cold and lessens the danger of diphtheria or any other germ disease being contracted. For sale by Richard Gibson and W. F. Creighton & Co.

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Virginia News.

Wyatt N. Jackson, aged 68 years, died on the 22nd at his home near Ashgrove, Fairfax county. He was a brave soldier in the Confederate army.

The Circuit Court of Fairfax county will convene on Monday next. The principal case set for trial is that of Albert Jackson, colored, charged with felony.

Robert A. Lowry, residing near Andrews Chapel, Stafford county, died suddenly yesterday, aged seventy-three years. His wife and three children survive him.

The large and substantial barn belonging to Mrs. Barbara B. Ford, at the eastern end of the town of Fairfax, was destroyed by fire about five o'clock last Thursday evening.

Miss Ann Maria Harrison, daughter of the late Burr W. Harrison, formerly a lawyer of Leesburg, died on Christmas Day at her home in Leesburg from general debility, aged seventy-nine.

Extensive repairs are being made to the Old Falls Episcopal Church at Falls Church. A brick addition will be added to the rear, which will be used for a Sunday school room and vestry.

Three of the quadruplets born to Mr. and Mrs. W. Luck, of Roanoke, on December 24, have died, and the three will be buried in one casket. The Luck home has been visited in two days by over 1,000 persons.

It now seems probable that the government pier at the Jamestown Exposition will be converted into a naval coal-station. The government will retain the ownership of the pier, which was built at a cost of \$380,000.

James Scott Moore, one of the founders of the Rockbridge County News and recently one of the proprietors of the Lexington Gazette, died at his home in Lexington yesterday, aged sixty-three years. The cause of his death was Bright's disease.

Marriage licenses were issued in Washington, yesterday to Joseph A. Bailor, of Culpeper, and Isabelle Weaver, of Bristol; Heber G. Farmer, of Front Royal, and Viola Wright, of Nokes; Arthur Ball, and Annie L. Hunt, both of The Plains, and to Abe Stickley and Rose Funk, both of Strasburg.

Messrs. Davis & Davis, Washington patent attorneys, report the grant, this week, to citizens of the State, of the following patents: Charles D. Hungele, of Camp Creek, ball attachment; George O. Seward and F. von Kuegelgen, of Holcomb Rock, producing steel; and Norman E. Woods, of Richmond, drill-socket.

KINDERGARTEN PROGRESS.

The dedication of the building erected for the New York Kindergarten Association by Mr. John D. Archbold, of New York, as a memorial of his daughter, Frances Dina Archbold Walcott, was a notable event in the history of an educational association whose short life of sixteen years has been a period of extraordinary educational development. Started by a group of people who were anxious to secure the introduction of the kindergarten into the public schools of New York and to open kindergartens in crowded tenement-house districts, the association has the satisfaction of seeing today more than six hundred kindergartens in the public schools, and of conducting thirty-six kindergartens of its own at what may be called strategic points in the foreign sections, of New York.

It is worth probably never before done by the Board of Education, for kindergartens must often be placed where it is impossible to place public schools, and the kindergarten is the entering wedge, not only of better training, but of higher civilization. The kindergartens of the association have been points of light in dark places. They have not only brought together the children and taught them the elementary truths which Froebel held to be fundamental in all training, but they have reached the mothers, and through the mothers they have deeply influenced hundreds of tenement-house homes. This is mission work of the most direct and fruitful kind; it deals with little children in their most receptive years, and it offers them that which can be given away with impunity—education.

In his address at the dedication of the new building, President Butler, of Columbia University, emphasized the need of the work of the association, declaring that the period of experimentation is over for the kindergarten, and that it has become firmly established in the educational system of the country. The building combines in an unusual degree solidity, beauty, and adaptation, and its occupation, by the generosity of Mr. Archbold, undoubtedly marks the beginning of a period of more extended usefulness and more rapid growth.—[The Outlook.]

FIRE AT PINE BEACH.

Fire of unknown origin, which started at 11:35 o'clock Wednesday night and burned until 2:30 o'clock yesterday morning at Pine Beach, near the west boundary of the Jamestown exposition grounds, destroyed a dozen or more frame structures, including several small hotels with a loss of between \$25,000 and \$30,000.

The burned buildings are the Hotel Portsmouth, the headquarters of the Virginia railway terminal construction company, where the fire started; the Hotels Chrestlefield, Pamlico, Chancellor, Virginia Inn, The Owl and Colonial restaurants.

"Bill the Hunter," and a number of expedition souvenir shops and stands that had been vacated, the States Hotel, Adams hotel and Hotel De Ville were seriously threatened, but several hundred fire fighters who assembled did good work as a bucket brigade in preventing the spread of the flames.

A number of persons were asleep in the hotels and other places when the fire started, but all are declared to have escaped and considerable personal property was saved by them. There was no fire department.

This is the third large fire that Pine Beach has had in the last eight months. The burned buildings were on One Hundred and First and One Hundred and Second streets and Maryland Circle.

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Today's Telegraphic News.

Rear-end Collision. Camden, N. J., Dec. 27.—While the Atlantic City Express was standing in the yards of the Pennsylvania Railroad at Third street and Bridge avenue at 8:30 this morning awaiting the signal to enter the station, the Pemberton local crashed into its rear car. The local was coming down grade and attached to it was a long string of cars. The force of the impact drove the engine and tender back into the smoking car of the local, killing three persons outright and injuring a number of others, several of whom will die. The cars took fire, but the flames were quickly extinguished. Ambulances took many of the victims to the hospitals. The accident was due to the dense fog, the engineer of the local claiming he could not see the signal.

The injured were pinned under the wreckage for fully half an hour for despite the efforts of willing hands, they could not be removed until the steam-crane arrived to lift the tender. While waiting the arrival of the wrecker the passengers took turns in supporting the piled wreckage, holding it off the unfortunate as much as possible. A number of the passengers continued their journey despite serious cuts and bruises.

Anti-Japanese Feeling in England.

London, Dec. 27.—Officialdom is beginning to realize that a strong anti-Japanese sentiment is growing up in England. The seed seems to have been planted at the time of the anti-Japanese demonstrations on the Pacific coast of British North America. The British press and government were prompt enough to concede that Japan had the right of the controversy at that time. The people, however, are inclined to sympathize with their brethren overseas. Probably the affair would have been forgotten but for Count Okuma's recent speech relative to the stimulation of Japanese commercial shipping enterprises. The government takes the view that Okuma meant just what he said. The people, however, including commercial interests, take the view that the Count plainly advised India to rise against England and almost openly declared that Japan would sympathize with the former country in a struggle for its freedom.

Admiral Evans's Fleet.

Port of Spain, Trinidad, Dec. 27.—The tender Yankton of the division auxiliary to Admiral Evans, sailed for Rio Janeiro today ahead of the main fleet. Coaling was also finished today, leaving little for the sailors to do aboardship during the rest of the stay here and a large proportion of the men have been given shore leave for the afternoon.

The collier Marcellus has sailed for the League Island navy yard. The fleet is to steam southward tomorrow. Officialdom ashore is making the armada's visit the social event of the year. Many dinners will be given in the Americans' honor tonight after which good bye will be said in anticipation of tomorrow's departure.

Death of Miss Wardro.

New York, Dec. 27.—Miss Edith Wardro, wife of former Superintendent James Wardro, of the New York New Haven and Hartford Railroad, an heiress in her own right, died at Lincoln Hospital early today after more than 180 hours of coma. The girl was stricken Thursday afternoon last week while visiting a friend's home. Started by the sound of a passing fire engine she lapsed into unconsciousness. A dozen prominent specialists tried to revive her, but failed. She was found through a tube, breathed naturally, kept a good color and lost no weight. Late last night she began sinking and, despite every effort to save her, expired about dawn. The doctors think it possible that death may have been caused by a clot on the brain due to a recent fall from an overturning sleigh.

Fight with Robbers.

Greenville, Ill., Dec. 27.—In a pistol battle following the robbery of the Van dale passenger depot in Smithboro, Ill., early today one of the robbers was shot five times and City Marshal Brown, of Sorento, Ill., was wounded twice. Both men are in a serious condition. The robbers are under arrest. The thieves broke open the money drawer at the depot and took \$30 in currency; forced the ticket case, stealing a batch of tickets, and broke open several boxes of merchandise. Before they could get out of the depot they were commanded to surrender. One complied, but the other opened fire. The officers retaliated and fourteen shots were exchanged.

Explosion in Powder Mill.

Pompton Lakes, N. J., Dec. 27.—The plant near here of the Volcano Powder Company, a branch of the Lufkin-Rand powder plant, blew up at noon today destroying several buildings and injuring half a dozen employees, none of whom were near the structure when the explosion occurred. No casualties have been reported as yet. The cause of the explosion has not been discovered. The damage will reach \$10,000. The terrific report that accompanied the explosion startled the country for an area of ten miles. It is this town every building was shaken and for a time it was thought that a disaster had occurred.

Attack on Orientals.

Lethbridge, Alberta, Dec. 27.—Anti-oriental feeling, smoldering for months burst into flame last night on a report that John Smith had been murdered in a Chinese restaurant. Hundreds of people descended on the oriental quarters and smashed doors and windows, and, in some cases, entire fronts of buildings. The regular police were powerless and a brigade of mounted officers had to be called out to quell the riot. Later it was discovered Smith had not even been in danger. It was later learned that no one had been murdered.

Badly Mixed Up.

Abraham Brown, of Winterton, N. Y., had a very remarkable experience; he says: "I was badly mixed up over one old heart disease; two called it kidney trouble; the fourth, blood poison, and the fifth stomach and liver trouble; but none of them helped me so my wife advised trying Electric Bitters, which are restoring me to perfect health. One bottle did me more good than all the five doctors prescribed." Guaranteed for blood poison, weakness of all stomach, liver and kidney complaints, by all druggists, fifty cents.

Fatal Ending of Feud.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 27.—A feud that began five years ago in Lodz, Russia, ended in a lonely gully near Bedford, this country, when Kadivoje Rakich fell dying with a bullet through his abdomen. A posse of farmers led by the Bedford marshal in pursuit of three men who did the shooting. Rakich, just before the shooting, told a fellow workman he left Lodz because of a vendetta, which left him the only survivor of his family; that he should be pursued to America and had fled from a number of cities as finding men on the trail. He thought himself hidden in the construction camp at Bedford, but two days ago found he was again being shadowed. He drew his money out of the Bedford bank preliminary to again fleeing and was on his way back to camp when shot from ambush. When Rakich was found dying the money was still in his pocket. Officers found a diary telling of his flight from city to city with the dread of assassination hanging over him. Rakich was a man of education, evidently far above the station in life where he had sought seclusion.

Strikes in Havana.

Havana, Dec. 27.—A general strike of all branches of union labor is threatened January 1. Labor troubles have been constant for months. Both sides are said to be anxious to bring pending difficulties to a crisis that a settlement may be reached.

The United Railways strike, which seriously crippled passenger traffic and completely tied up freight business, is virtually over, the railroad having restored normal conditions though many men are still out. Feeling is intense, however, and a call for a general walk out would start fresh trouble.

The masons' strike is still pending. It has been marked by many arrests. The men have long been seeking to bring other unions to their support.

Large employers generally think the case serious and are planning for a hard fight.

The United States and Cuba.

Havana, Dec. 27.—All references to American withdrawal from Cuba were eliminated from Governor General Maso's annual message. Secretary of War Taft, wielded the blue pencil. The report is known to have been submitted to the secretary before it was made public, and it is certain he called a number of charges. The one touching on the prospective termination of United States occupancy of the island is said to have been the most important. It is not so sure, as far as Cuba knows, whether the correction was made because Taft doesn't think the United States will withdraw or simply because he regards this a poor time to talk about it.

Railroad Accident in India.

Lahore, India, Dec. 27.—Twenty persons have been killed in a railroad collision near Libdun, in northwest India. Of the dead four are Europeans, the rest natives. Many more were injured. The crash was between two passenger trains running thirty miles an hour. They met head-on on a curve which prevented the engineers from seeing each other for a few yards ahead. The locomotives met at unchecked speed. The Libdun station master has been arrested. It is charged he caused the wreck by giving one of the trains a false order under which the engineer thought he had a clear track.

Mitchell's Successor.

Wheeling, W. Va., Dec. 27.—Unofficial returns of the vote in a majority of the districts of the United Mine Workers of America on a successor to John Mitchell show the election of T. L. Lewis, of Bridgeport, O., by a majority of many thousands.

Fight in Indian Congress.

Surat, India, Dec. 27.—The Indian national congress broke up in a fee fight today following a futile effort to elect a president. The fighting became so fierce that the police were called in and cleared the hall.

Submarine Boat Destroyed.

Cherbourg, France, Dec. 27.—The new French submarine boat Ventuz was practically destroyed today by a gas explosion aboard. There were no casualties.

Money Scattered in the Street.

Chicago, Dec. 27.—Half a million dollars in gold and silver coin were scattered about the corner of La Salle and Adams streets and two guards were injured when a street car struck an express wagon last night. Two guards kept hold of their rifles when they fell and guarded the treasure. A crowd of police arrived and saw it safely gathered up. The guards then were removed to the Mercy Hospital.

New York Stock Market.

New York, Dec. 27.—The market showed continued weakness during the early part of the first hour with pressure for both long and short accounts in a number of stocks that have recently been leaders in the movement toward the new low levels.

The covering movement that started early in the latter part of the forenoon, causing further advances in stocks in which there was active trading.

A Real Wonderland.

South Dakota, with its rich silver mines, broad farms, wide ranges and strange natural formations, is a veritable wonderland. At Mount Custer, in the home of Mrs. E. D. Clapp, a wonderful case of healing has lately occurred. Her son, named after his mother with long spells of trouble. "Exhausting coughing spells occurred every five minutes," writes Mrs. Clapp, "when I began giving Dr. King's New Discovery, the great Medicine that saved his life and completely cured him." Guaranteed for cough and colds, throat and lung troubles, by all druggists, 50c, and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

Wholesale Prices of Produce.

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Flour Extra.....	4 00
Family.....	5 00
Fancy brands.....	5 25
Wheat, longberry.....	98
Mixed.....	93
Putz.....	0 90
Damp and tough.....	0 90
New Cob Corn, per bbl.....	3 00
Corn, white.....	0 73
Mixed.....	0 70
Yellow.....	0 70
Corn Meal.....	0 80
Eye.....	0 60
Oats, mixed, new.....	0 58
Straw.....	0 63
White, new.....	0 52
Eight Print Butter.....	0 32
Butter, Virginia, packed.....	0 16
Choice Virginia.....	0 23
Common to middling.....	0 14
Eggs.....	0 33
Live Chickens (hens).....	0 11
Spring Chickens.....	0 12
Small Hogs.....	0 8
Potatoes, per bu.....	0 70
Sweet Potatoes (barrel).....	2 00
Yams.....	1 00
Dried Apples.....	0 12
Dried Apples.....	0 04
Apples, per bbl.....	0 10
Pork, per 100 lbs.....	7 50
Bacon, country hams.....	1 15
Best sugar-cured ham.....	0 15
Country hams.....	0 12
Breakfast Bacon.....	0 16